



**Project Review Committee-**  
 South Lake Union Park Development  
 Meeting #18 Meeting Minutes  
 June 14, 2007, 3:30pm – 5:00pm.  
 SLU Armory North Conference Room

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1. Introductions

2. Project update: 3:32pm

Toby informed the Committee that the project is on time and on budget and expect removal of the rest of the old wall by the end of the July. Current work consists of installing footings for terraces and boardwalk. Terraces and boardwalk are planned to be completed in August. There is remaining funds within the contingency to move forward with the bridge. However, Toby told the Committee that if all contingency is spent, there will be no more money. We would have to borrow from Phase II for any unforeseen problems. DoF wanted the Committee to consider this. Also, the IAC grant of \$500,000 may be used for other things but not the bridge.

Karen Daubert announced that Seattle Parks Foundation reached their goal of raising \$17 million at the end of May.

3. Rain Gardens presentation: 3:45pm

60% of the design has been submitted. This is just a proposal to the Committee about the Mercer Corridor and for the landscaping they need to do and building a natural drainage system. The design would take its lead from what's going on in the Park and treat the stormwater. Everything that drains into Lake Union must be treated.

Current underground features are not easily repaired so the group looked primarily at above-ground options such as the rain garden for open spaces. Their concept consists of 4 rain basins that run to each other with the last one being the one that collects and heads to Lake Union. The design would be integrated into the park; its overall theme and plant species, etc.

Erin suggested that this group will need time to digest the drawings and concept. She suggested that they superimpose their drawings onto the park design to give a better overall idea of what it would look like.

Also, need to find an alternative to going through Aloha Street.

As far as maintenance is concerned, costs should be worked out with SPU since they own the drainage. How will they keep them looking like rain gardens even when there hasn't been any rain?

The Committee decided that meetings with SDOT should happen more frequently than monthly as things change quickly.

Need to address access to park going east/west, not on Terry as it had been.

#### 4. History Trail Update: 4:15pm

Ann Farrington presented the last concept of the History Trail to the group. The major factors of the trail will focus on content and design that tells a story. She explained that the exhibits would form a trail around the perimeter of the park and switched the content from residential to industrial, as it tells a more dramatic story.

John asked Ann to clarify where we are in the stage of her contract. Ann explained that she was contracted to design a *concept* of the history trail that included the context and this was not to be considered the final product or design. Erin noted that the original contract was for a display concept and Ann would be making her final presentation at today's meeting. She also noted that the designs are not off to the fabricator and the deliverables include where to find the project pictures.

Phyllis talked about the grant the Center for Wooden Boats received to support the history research of the project. She stressed the need for the pieces to be integral to the park design. Some of the designs seemed a little fragile for a public park and should be made more substantial.

There are also some maintenance concerns with some of the interactive pieces.

#### 6. Wawona presentation: 4:30pm (Presentation only)

KPFF Consulting Engineers presented three on-land concepts to display the Wawona, NW Seaport felt it was important to display the historical features of the ship which included the long timbers and the clamp. Concept 1 showed the Wawona on the west side of the building in a skeleton form. Concept 2 showed the Wawona skeleton located on the open space area of swales south of the building. Concept 3 showed the Wawona skeleton on the DNR property where CWB had programmed space. Discussion from the client committee and architect included the following comments:

- 1) It was not desirable to locate the Wawona at the west entrance of the building because this location blocked the entrance and made ADA accessibility difficult.
- 2) It was not desirable to locate the Wawona in the open space area of the swales. The architect also pointed out that the open space area was designed to accommodate flexible programming and the Wawona in that location would prevent some programming.
- 3) The committee could not respond to the proposal to locate the Wawona on DNR property shown in the CWB phase 2 area of the park as the property isn't owned by the City.

The budget to complete this project is \$2 million, approximately \$400,000 to move her and \$300,000 to deconstruct her. The object is to preserve the ship now, as is, so that it will not deteriorate further. She can be insured now while still in the water and maintenance costs are estimated at \$50,000/year for a full-time person.

The deconstruction will be done through the guidance of a preservationist and stored until the part is ready for her.

7. Confirm next meeting time: Thursday, July 12 at 3:30.

8. Adjourn: 5:30pm